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STATE'S ATTORNEY MOSSER TO PRESENT CASE OF LUDWIG THE DOG TO KANE COUNTY GRAND JURY

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Kane County State's Attorney Jamie L. Mosser will ask a grand jury to review facts and law surrounding the shooting death of a Wayne resident's pet dog late last summer.

Facts not in dispute are that, on Aug. 10, 2021, Hal Phipps of Wayne shot and killed a Dogo Argentino named Ludwig, which belonged to his neighbor, Joe Petit. In dispute since has been whether Mr. Phipps actions were justified within the law.

Several weeks later after a thorough investigation by the office of Kane County Sheriff Ron Hain and a thorough review of the facts and the law, State's Attorney Mosser decided that criminal charges were not appropriate, citing evidence that Phipps had acted out of necessity. According to the law, Mr. Phipps reasonably believed his life or safety was at risk when he fired a single, fatal shot at Ludwig.

However, since that decision not to file criminal charges was made public in September 2021, questions about the fairness and transparency of the investigation and review have persisted from Mr. Petit and Ludwig's supporters. This has prompted State's Attorney Mosser to bring the matter before a grand jury.

State's Attorney Mosser expects to present the case to the grand jury by the end of May. The independent review will be done in conjunction with Mr. Petit's attorney.

Kane County State's Attorney Jamie Mosser said:

"I will bring the case before the grand jury for an independent review and in conjunction with Mr. Petit's attorney. Although I am in no way bound to revisit this case, I have agreed to do so based on a number of requests regarding the evidence and the law. It is my hope that once the grand jury process is complete, regardless of the outcome, that everyone will abide by the grand jury's decision and conclude that the process has been fair, neutral and transparent."